

King County Meeting Proceedings

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Regional Policy Committee

Councilmembers: Pete von Reichbauer, Chair; Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson, Larry Phillips

Suburban Cities Association: Pete Lewis, Auburn; Kathy Keolker, Renton; Sonny Putter, Newcastle; John Wise, Enumclaw Alternates: Rosemarie Ives, Redmond; Ava Frisinger, Issaquah

City of Seattle: Jean Godden, Tom Rasmussen

Staff: Beth Mountsier (296-0319), Lead Analyst; Joanne Rasmussen (296-0333), Committee Assistant

Room 1001 August 2, 2006 3:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Putter, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Godden and Ms. Frisinger Excused: Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Keolker, Mr. Wise and Mr. Rasmussen

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 5, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

2. Chair's Report

In his opening remarks, Chair von Reichbauer indicated the need for an open discussion on the importance of sports franchises in the region.

3. Public Comment

Public comment was taken during the discussion of Item #4.

Briefing

4. <u>Briefing No. 2006-B0131</u>

The Regional Impact of Professional Sports

David Randall, Council Staff, briefed the committee.

The following panel presented remarks to the committee and answered questions from the members:

- Ralph Morton, Executive Director, Seattle Sports Commission, presented financial advantages to the region from professional sports teams.
- Bob Cowan, King County Budget Director, briefed the committee during a powerpoint presentation regarding King County stadium debt.
- Jim Hill, Vice President, Kemper Development Company, and member of the Key Arena sub-committee, discussed the sub-committee recommendations regarding Key Arena and Sonics.

- Wally Walker, President of Seattle Sonics, discussed future of the Sonics in Seattle.

The following people appeared before the committee to offer public comment: Chris VanDyk, Citizens for More Important Things, PO Box 4473, Seattle 98154 Carolyn Kelley, 7016 Jones Avenue NW, Seattle, 98117 Colleen Lincoln, 20716 - 14th Avenue S, SeaTac 98198 Steven Pyeatt, 18041 Bothell Way NE, Bothell 98081 Martha Schmidt, 1415 Second Ave. #2310, Seattle 98101 Donna Shirley, 3911 Bagley Ave. N., Seattle 98103 Richard Borkowski, 131 Bellevue Ave E.

The committee recessed for ten minutes at the conclusion of this discussion.

This matter was Presented.

5. **Briefing No. 2006-B0132**

Progress on the King County Annexation Initiative

David Randall, Council Staff, briefed the committee, Elissa Benson, Annexation Initiative Manager, Office of Management and Budget, gave a brief overview and answered questions from the members on the progress of the Annexation Initiative and SSB 6686. Chuck Booth, Chair, Boundary Review Board (BRB) and Lenore Blauman, BRB, were present.

This matter was Presented.

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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		Clerk's Signature